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I Do Not Know Why.

1. A preacher will close his Bible and say, "Just one word more, and I am through;" then talk fifteen or twenty minutes longer, while the congregation figures off the discount on the accuracy of all the statements of his discourse.

2. A correspondent will request space for "just a few words in your valuable paper;" then write two and a half columns, but forget to enclose a check for the two and half years he is in arrears on subscription.

3. The crusty old deacon will have to be persuaded to attend one prayer-meeting out of four, in his own church; then leading in prayer, he chants, "Lord, we thank Thee for the privilege of coming to Thy house where prayer is wonted to be made."

4. The professed Christian will talk convincingly in church about the worth of a consistent, exemplary life, yet vote with the devil's crowd in an election, and excuse sin in high places.

5. A church professing to be the body of Christ, will retain members in full fellowship who dishonor Christ with their lives.

6. A church will invite a preacher to visit her from a distance, or permit her pastor to visit a neighboring pastor to be with them in a special service; then thoughtlessly forget to pay the visiting brother's expenses incurred by the trip.

7. The good people of a community will sit still and look on with inaction, if not indifference, while the forces of evil slip in and lay their snares for the weak and unguarded; then manifest sudden surprise and indignation that wickedness has directly become destructive and defiant.

These and other inconsistencies have their explanation in the foibles and weakness of human nature. It is worth while to call to mind our weaknesses and failures once in a while, that we may strive the more valiantly to overcome them. "Eternal vigilance" is the price of improvement.

H. D. Wilson.

The Convention.

Our information is that there will be a special through coach and sleeper from Jackson to Hot Springs. From Jackson to Hot Springs and return, \$15.50. Berth extra. From Memphis to Hot Springs and return to Memphis, \$7.90. Tickets on sale May 10, 11 and 12. The rate is 3½ cents per mile, short line one-way distance.

There will be a stop-over at Little Rock on return, to allow those who wish to attend the meeting of Northern Baptists at Oklahoma City. The tickets purchased here will have a maximum limit till June 16.

The McCrary Hotel, which is only a stone's throw from the Eastman Hotel, in whose Dining Room the sessions will be held, offers good accommodations for the money. We have been entertained at this hotel and were well pleased. See their large display advertisement in another column.

Those who wish berth in the special sleeper, will write Rev. J. A. Lee, Clinton, Miss.

I want to introduce to the Baptist Brotherhood of Mississippi my friend, Dr. I. W. Read, the present pastor of Gloster, Miss.

The first opportunity you get to meet Brother Read in a personal way, do so. You will find him a delightful soul, cultured, affable and consecrated.

Mississippi Baptists are to be congratulated on his coming to our State, especially is Gloster to be felicitated.

Dr. Read has taken an efficient part in Baptist affairs in the States where he has formerly been pastor. In Illinois his work was crowned with splendid success; and there was no more prominent and successful pastor in all North Missouri than the congenial moderator of old Bethel Association, wherein his former pastorate was

Kosciusko.

Rejoice with us! I have been silent for these months, but I can't be so any longer. We rounded up our Foreign Mission collection yesterday, (Sunday, April 5th), amid rejoicing and deep movings of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts did burn within us because of the presence of the Lord. \$283 is the amount, and one member says, "Let's make it \$300!" There is an increase of over 100 per cent. above last year, and 45 per cent. above anything the church has ever done before. The Sunday School and Ladies' Aid Society responded nobly in this offering, having contributed \$36.70 and \$20, respectively. One teacher and his class of girls contributed \$14.

The Lord is laying not only the salvation of a lost world upon the hearts of our people, and making them to contribute more largely of their means, but He is blessing us in many ways. There is a quickening along all lines of church work. The Lord is adding to the church constantly such as are saved. We have five for baptism since January. We are praying the Lord to send Brother Cates to us to lead us in a great soul-saving campaign. He has promised to come in God's own time. I verily believe the dawn of a brighter day is breaking for the cause of our Master at Kosciusko. We have noble Christian people here of all denominations, who are faithful and God is opening up to them larger visions of duty. The other churches here have made large advances in Foreign Mission gifts.

An index finger is pointing to a mighty marshaling of the hosts of God for a great victory over the devil and his work here. Lord help us to be faithful.

M. O. Patterson.

A Change of Time.

Owing to circuit court in Batesville next week the church decided to postpone our Bible Institute just two weeks, 28th to 30th, instead of 14th to 16th. Will you kindly give notice to this effect next week. We will be glad to have you with us again.

Faithfully yours,

Walton E. Lee.

Hernando, Miss., April 10, 1908.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The first Sunday inst., was a great day with us at Mt. Pleasant.

Good attendance and our collection for Home Missions was four or five times that of last year.

Then we raised money and purchased an organ for the church. We will put in new seats soon.

The second Sunday inst., was a good day at Shiloh. Good congregation and collection for Home Missions good.

We feel that the Lord is greatly blessing us.

Brethren, pray for us that we may render good service to the Master.

Fraternally,

L. I. Thompson.

located in Missouri.

I bespeak for him that kindly reception so characteristic of the ministry of Mississippi when a brother comes to our beloved State.

I have no doubt but that Brother Read has already received a number of letters from the prominent pastors and workers in our Master's cause, welcoming him to Mississippi. I have experience which leads me to believe that writing such letters is a happy custom of our brethren. I would like to commend the custom.

If I did not feel that it was unnecessary, I would call my congenial friend and neighbor, the efficient pastor at Greenwood to write Brother Read a kind of representative letter of welcome.

May God grant Brother Read and his consecrated and efficient wife every blessing in this splendid work he has taken among us.

Howard L. Weeks.

Vicksburg.

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Wide Hunt for People.

J. B. Gambrell.

One of Napoleon's greatest gifts was his power to discover people, the people he needed to carry on his vast operations. He was constantly on the hunt for them. They were discovered to him in many ways. A slight incident often put him on the track of a future marshal of France. He followed every indication in his eager hunt for men. He knew with him it was a question of the right kind of men. His own powers would be limited or expanded by the men he had to trust in important places.

Every great corporation, if well managed, has men looking for men, capable and trustworthy to fill great places. A young carpenter, earnest, reliable and industrious, was observed by a director of a great railroad. He said to the directors, "There is a man for us." The young fellow was employed in a low place to start with, and in 30 years was president of the road. A man high up in railroad circles said to this writer: "Young men are mistaken. The trouble is not to get positions; for all the great concerns in the country are all the time looking for men who can worthily fill positions." He is correct, no doubt. Men and women of the right sort are the best assets any cause can have. Money is everywhere a secondary consideration; for without the right kind of people, money is really no consideration. It may easily be a source of weakness, rather than of strength by attracting those who follow for the loaves and fishes; a sorry crowd anywhere.

Christ's first care was to find the men he needed in His great business. His selections made a fine study. He took them from the very thick of humanity, men of the people, men varied in temperaments, but all men. He trained them in his own school and fashioned them for His service. Later, he called Saul for a world-wide missionary. The Spirit to this day is seeking men and women for service. Every disciple is elected and called. Every preacher is doubly elected and doubly called.

It is well worth while for us to join in a wide hunt for men and women to do the work of the Kingdom. The disciples were made fishers of men at the start, and that calling is not run out. To catch men and women for salvation and service is the highest earthly calling, and the noblest employment. Much is being said of catching people for salvation; not enough to be sure. This article will be turned to the consideration of the important matter of finding people for service. One of the unending griefs of our times, is the waste of life after the soul is saved.

It is an ever present duty, though much neglected, to pray God to call men into the ministry. The question is raised whether we should not seek for recruits to the ministry while we pray. Why not? There is just as divine a call to a soul for salvation as there is for service. Spurgeon has said with a wide application, "Effort without application is presumption; prayer without effort is hypocrisy." This must be near the truth. It cannot be otherwise than right to often raise the question with all our people: What are you going to do with your life? It cannot be wrong to direct the minds of the people towards lines of work in which it would

seem they might be useful, and ask them to consider prayerfully what God would have them do. Such a course pursued with unction and wisdom, would put multitudes on a search for the true path of life and this search, under the divine Spirit, would not be in vain.

A spiritual man or woman must be something of a discerner of spirits. One feels at times that this fine young man ought to preach. More than once this writer has had such an impression, went to his man and found that the Spirit had already spoken to him, and he was ready for a helpful word. To find God's preachers and help them to come out is really a very fine work. But why stop with preachers? Great is the need of teachers for our Sunday School, real teachers, soulful teachers, men and women who can and will teach with high and holy aim. The real teacher is nearly the greatest person in the world.

We need to look them out, and lead them into their great work. Many a noble teacher is timid, obscure and without any notion of his or her powers, but longing to serve. If there be eyes anointed of the Spirit, somebody can see the coming King, though like David in shepherd's dress, he stands among his elders unrecognized till the true prophet comes.

Now should we stop here. There are multitudes of cultured, refined women, with ample means, whose lives are running all to waste, because they have never been brought face to face with anything worthwhile. Like the idlers in the market place, no man has hired them.

What countless blessings are bound up in these young people! What priceless riches going all to waste! They may bless their own souls beyond all words, and make many a desert and solitary place blossom as the rose. Where are the men and women, wise of heart, to find fields that waste, and the lives that waste and bring them together, so as to save all.

There is more to say. The power to get money is from God. It is a noble gift, as certainly so as to preach, and to be used for God with the same consecration. There is nothing in the Scriptures to justify the popular prejudice against making money. God has his money makers for service. We want them. We want them and their money. Everywhere there should be a close hunt for men of money to win them to the noblest possible service. They stand in slippery places. They need help to set their hearts on the highest things of life. They need to be shown what their gift may be worth to them and the world. They need to feel the thrill of service with their money. And the cause needs them with their money. They are multiplying. Some of them are surfeited with unneeded money. And the deeper pity is, in some cases, life has stalled, because with a superabundance of worldly goods, there is no uplifting motive to give zest to the fading years of life.

To find these people, and enlist them is to do them the highest good. They sorely need an outlet for their lives, that their lives may flow out into the river, which will make glad the city of God. They ought to be hunted out, shown, helped, urged, enlisted, blessed and made a blessing.

What is here said applies only to a few classes. Our great business today is to hunt out the people, all of them, and enlist them for service, each in his place. Here is a noble task for all who are spir-

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It presses on us, and we should be at it day in and day out, without ceasing.

The Advocate Reviewed.

Some time ago we had an article in The Baptist Record on "Some of the Evils of Open Communion." The editor of the New Orleans Christian Advocate (Methodist), in his issue of Feb. 6, 1908, becomes somewhat nervous in the course of his remarks upon what we said. We reply to his article for two reasons.

1. He proves one of our points in his article. That point is that Open Communion tends to the persecution of those who adhere to the Scriptural terms of the Lord's supper.

He says: "A plain, honest Christian who would engage in such a service...would be hard to convince that he was perpetrating an evil." The inference is that one who believes such to be an evil is not honest. Again he refers to a certain congregation's speaking out against Open Communion and says, "It forever divorced that congregation, and all others adopting their views from the sympathy and good will of all dissenting brethren," and says our words remind him of said congregation. So we are to be "forever divorced from the sympathy and good will" of the editor of the Christian Advocate because we ventured to express our honest convictions.

Is the spirit of old Rome dead? He says, "It is about time to quit talking such foolishness." Well, he is not the only man to whom the preaching of truth sounded like foolishness as we may learn from 1 Cor. 1:18.

He also considers us still in darkness, as he says, "None but one who sees through a glass darkly, can say what we said." He also accuses us of "vaunting" which means vainly boasting. The good Doctor grows eloquent in his conclusion and says we have perpetrated a "libel on Christian Charity." He closes thus, "We did hope some years ago to see no more of this in print. But we despair." Alas! Alas! That one so learned and so wise should have to despair! The above quotations certainly show that the Open Communionists stand with sword in hand ready to persecute those who adhere to the Scriptural terms of the Lord's Supper.

2. Our second reason for reply is to show that the trouble with the Doctor is that he does not understand the design of the Lord's Supper. He speaks of a body of Christians in Communion service and says, "Even in looking on such a scene we do not see how he could refrain saying, 'See how these Christians love one another.'" There is not a single hint in the Bible that the Lord's Supper is designed to show our love for one another as Christians, the Doctor knows there is not, and we think it "time to quit talking such foolishness." In the language of Henry Ward Beecher, we say, "A Pedobaptist who believes that baptism is a prerequisite to Communion, has no right to censure the Baptist Churches for close communion. On this question there is a great deal of pulling out of notes by people whose own vision is not clear." In conclusion we wish to commend to the editor of the Advocate the words of Dr. Miles G. Bullock, pastor of the East Methodist Episcopal Church, Oswego, N. Y., in his work, "What Christians Believe," he says: "But, says one, whose prejudices are all awake, why will

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How We Stand With the Foreign Mission Board.

they not commune with those believers in our churches, who have been immersed? For the consistent reason that such persons have violated the New Testament order in communing with unbaptized believers, and are therefore not considered in good standing. They do not feel willing to countenance such laxity in Christian discipline. Let us honor them for stern steadfastness in maintaining what they believe to be a Bible precept, rather than criticize and censure because they differ with us concerning the intent and mode of Christian baptism, and believe it to be an irreparable condition of coming to the Lord's Supper."

T. A. J. Beasley.
Echu, Miss.

From Natchez.

We have finished our first quarter's work with a splendid collection for Foreign Missions.

We had a great day in every way, Mar. 29th. Our Sunday School has reached an enrollment of about two hundred this quarter. There were about a hundred and thirty today. Our collection \$12.87.

The Bible class is reaching out for fifty. We have already forty enrolled. We will have fifty, and our attendance must be enlarged too.

Brother Byrd did us a great deal of good. He is unquestionably the most practical Sunday School man in the State, and equal to any one I have ever met.

Our Sunday School received a great impetus from Brother Byrd's work here. He has a warm place in our hearts.

A Plan for the Country Churches.

Brother W. Y. Quisenberry, who has had wide experience among the churches in the country, suggests that every country church, sometime during the month of April, give a whole day to the consideration of Foreign Missions, with dinner on the ground and the very best speakers that can be secured. If it can be arranged to have this rally on Sunday, it will be better. The people in the country are in better condition financially this year than any other class of our people. They far outnumber all others and if they can be aroused, they will do great things. We most heartily approve the plan and command it to our country churches and pastors. Let thousands of churches try it. Let apart of the day in each instance be given to prayer that the Board may not only have no debt, but that a great advance may be made in the work, and then let the largest offering in the history be made.

Our people are working up to higher things. Bless the Lord!

We expect to fight unflinchingly till victory shall perch upon the banner of our King. We have now about 350 members, many of whom live outside of the city. Pray for us, beloved, in the Lord.

Yours for greater things,
Jno. A. Held.

From Sardis.

Dear Record:

Sunday, March 15th was a good day with us. At the morning service we took a collection for missions, which, when rounded up will amount to \$30. A contribution from every member is our motto. At the night service two joined by letter, and one young man was baptized. This is five additions we have had recently. Next Sunday we will have a missionary rally in the Sunday School. A special program has been prepared and a collection will be taken for missions.

We are praying, hoping and helping that all our Boards may be able to meet their obligations and go to the Convention out of debt.

Our Ladies' Aid Society is taking hold of the work with renewed energy under the splendid leadership of their newly elected President, Mrs. T. K. Roby. May this be a glorious year with all of our churches, and may victory crown the work.

J. A. McCord.

Sardis, Miss.

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Sumner.

Dear Brother Bailey:

Our brethren ask that we say to you that we are moving along very nicely; better than we expected when we began at first.

We have sent Brother Rowe \$150.05, as our Foreign Mission offering for the first quarter of 1908 from Sumner.

Our people say their pastor must attend the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs at their expense.

We are blessed with a lot of good people here and hope that our cause is in a prosperous condition.

Our work at Marks is moving on nicely. We have a good Sunday School in good working order. New organ, lights, etc., put in this year.

J. P. White.

Columbia.

Our meeting has just closed with thirty-four additions; twenty-four of these came by experience and baptism and ten by letter. Rev. John A. Held, pastor at Natchez, did the preaching for us. He is a forceful gospel preacher, clear and logical in the presentation of the truth and fervent in his appeals to the unsaved. Large congregations were present at all the services, and on several nights the house was so crowded that many people had to stand on the outside at the doors and windows. Brother Held preached three special sermons. On Saturday morning he preached to the children and young people. At this service no high pressure methods were used to persuade the children to accept Christ; for he appealed to those over ten years of age, and to these in a way not to frighten or excite. Sixteen of the young people were converted at this service. On Sunday afternoon he preached a strong sermon to the men on "Man's Place and Duty in Religion." This sermon was a disappointment to those who came expecting to see the other fellow's sins displayed and ridiculed; it was a chaste, earnest appeal to men to occupy the place that God gave them to fill, and was productive of much good. On Tuesday morning he preached to the ladies and brought them a helpful message on their work as homemakers.

On Thursday night, after the last service of the meeting, the immense congregation went down to the beautiful clear stream that flows through our town, and by the bright light of an almost full moon, witnessed the burial by baptism of those who had accepted Christ. The meeting was a spiritual feast to us all and will be remembered as a time when many sinners came to know the Lord. And many Christians came to know Him better.

S. A. Wilkinson.

April 10, 1908.

Southeast Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The above body will hold its regular meeting in the First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss., April 20th, 1908. There will be two sessions; one in the afternoon, and one in the evening. The program has been mailed out, and it is hoped that a large number of pastors will attend. All who come will be entertained.

Fraternally,
J. N. McMillin,
Chairman Committee.

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The news from the offices of our Secretaries, Rowe, Gray and Willingham, is refreshing. We are more than \$3,000 ahead of this state last year on the two funds of Home and Foreign Missions, with nearly a month yet which will no doubt prove rich in its returns to our mission treasuries.

Quite a large sum will be necessary to carry out Boards to the Convention without debt, but we have time enough and money enough in the hands of our people to accomplish the task.

All we need is to appreciate the gravity of the situation and vigorously push the work in every town and hamlet in the land, all giving according to ability. There is time enough, but not a day to lose. Let all be up and doing. The call is loud and strong to duty. Men, will you hear? If you will, the victory will be ours.

We learn that the cause at Aberdeen is on higher ground, there being many indications of progress along many lines.

It is with great sadness, we chronicle the death of our esteemed brother, Rev. John D. Jordan, D.D., pastor of the Jackson Hill Baptist Church, of Atlanta, Ga. It occurred suddenly on last Thursday, in his study. His death is felt as a distinct loss to the cause. He was young, bright, educated and consecrated. We extend sympathy to his sorrow-stricken family.

From every quarter comes the hopeful note that our efforts along mission lines will prove victorious. The fact has been greatly emphasized recently, as we have talked with strong pastors from various places, such as John A. Held, Natchez; James B. Leavell, McComb; H. Haywood, Robt. W. Tandy, W. A. Hewitt, S. E. Tull, S. Morris, H. F. Sproles, W. F. Yarborough, G. W. Riley, W. P. Price and many others. Let there be no abatement of effort, and we shall, under God, succeed.

Carrollton.

The Cloud of Witnesses and Other Sermons, is a volume of sermons just from the press of the Sunday School Board. This body of really fine short sermons was delivered by Dr. J. D. Hawthorne, in the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond,

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constant and loyal readers of your paper. And are not asleep by any means. The Baptist church here is moving forward under the able leadership of Brother L. F. Gregory—a man that is strong in the faith, and loved by all classes here. He gave us one of the finest sermons on missions yesterday that it has ever been my pleasure to listen to. After which the church received three for membership, through experience and baptism, and then a collection for Home Missions amounting to \$25. May our people prove true in this great work for the Master's cause.

With best wishes to the Record, which I love to read, I am,

Fraternally,
W. D. Kimbrough.

Faithful Over a Few Things.

J. B. Gambrell.

There is a great principle running through the economy of the Kingdom of God. The Christian, who is faithful over a few things, when his conditions are narrow, and when his opportunities are small, will some day be trusted with larger things and the reverse is so. The unfaithful man in any place will soon find that his opportunities will be diminished as will his powers also. It is a great law of the Kingdom and deserves to be studied, and it is the object of this writing to help some brethren to make the study.

All powers and opportunities are so much capital given to the holder to be employed in the Master's service. If a man intrusted with any share of opportunity or talent, shall conclude that because his opportunities are not larger, it is not worth while to do his best with what he has got, he will find after awhile all doors will be shut in his face, and he will be down and out.

Here is a man who feels called to be a preacher, but he has little education, little money, little influence and not many open doors.

He concludes that because he is shut up to little things, he will wait for larger opportunities. He might go to some school house and preach. Maybe, the congregation would be very small, but there would be someone there to hear him, so because he is not recognized and urged forward by stronger churches, he will not take the small opportunity he has, because he has not much education, he will not try to get more. He would be willing to go to school, if somebody would help him and show the way, but to pick up learning by bits in the way that he would have to in his narrow place is discouraging, and so he does not try at all.

Or, there is another man, who is called to preach, and would be willing to give his whole time to it, but the churches that will call him are either not able, or not willing, to support him, and inasmuch as he cannot get a support, he will not preach at all, but will wait until some arrangement is made by which he can get full support.

Here is another man, and he is numerous. He is on what he regards as a small field; the support is meager; the outlook is not large, and he succumbs to discouragement. He very likely does not put his mind on doing the thing that is at hand, that he might do, but he puts his mind on things in the future looking toward the opportunities that he hopes will come to him. He wants a larger field. He wonders why he doesn't get a larger field, and yet he does not cul-

minate the field he is in. I am thinking now of a brother, who made precisely this mistake. He really had a good deal of ability, but he started in a circumscribed field and became dissatisfied at once, and longed for another field, where he felt he might do great things. Now, as a matter of fact, he was not cultivating the field he was in at all. All around him were people untouched by the Gospel. They never went to church. He never went to see them. He preached to diminishing congregations, and was all the time thinking that he ought to have a larger field and trying to get help to get into a larger field. This man was making a capital mistake. He was taking a course to keep him out of a larger field, and it did keep him out of it. I have known him more than twenty years. He has always been a dissatisfied preacher.

What was the matter with him? Simply that he was not faithful to the things that were in hand, and the Master would not trust him with larger things. He was always in his own way and made no progress in the ministry because he would not be faithful over a few things entrusted to him.

It is good to put off opposite this man and study in contrast the life of Spurgeon. His first ministry was in a little village, where the people were wicked and ignorant and so poor it was necessary for him to walk to his appointments. The boy preacher did his best. He gave all his heart, his time and his strength to taking up the opportunities that were at hand. He was faithful over a few things committed to him, and he revolutionized that village. Then came to him one day, a great surprise. He received a letter inviting him to London to preach. He was very certain a mistake had been made, and he returned the letter, saying it had come to him, but he knew it could not be meant for him. It was to him unthinkable that he should be wanted in London to preach, but he was, and he went, and the world knows what happened.

Let us take David in his secular employment. When a boy, he was put in charge of his father's sheep. It was his business to safeguard them, and to see that no harm came to them. On two occasions he showed the stuff that was in him, when he killed a lion and then a bear which had come to take away some of the flock. He was faithful over the things he had in hand, and the very thing that was in him as a shepherd boy, made him king over Israel.

Our brother, that will not study, because he cannot go off to school is making a very common mistake. It is wonderful what the right spirit in a man will do in the way of gaining knowledge, if he will use the little bits of time he has for it. Andrew Fuller, the great theologian of England, did not know grammar when he was a grown man, but by self-education, he became a master of English and a master of theology. No man of his day did more to put Baptists on the right track and send them forward on a career of usefulness than Andrew Fuller. And yet, he grew up without opportunities, and was, in the strictest sense, self-educated man. All the world over a man, who does his best with what he has, will get more.

It is a happy thing for people that must start in with limited opportunities and means that they may learn how to handle affairs as a affairs enlarge in their hands. The preacher who puts his preaching first, even if he must make tents to live, will find that his preaching will grow, and the necessity for making tents will diminish, until after awhile he can go out of the tent business entirely.

And all this is just as good for other people as it is for preachers. The clerk in a store, that does more than he is paid to do, that fills his place with an overflow of service all the time, and makes himself more and more useful in his place, will find that his opportunities will enlarge, as his capacity will enlarge, and after a while, he will be at the head of the firm, as has happened in many cases.

The main question for anyone is not what have I today of talent, of opportunity or money, but what am I doing with what I have. The faithful use of small talents will grow into large talents. The faithful use of money will bring more money. The men who serve God with their money in all faithfulness and apply themselves to business in the right spirit are the men who are prospering. This is as much the doctrine of the Bible as it is the doctrine of repen-

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you yourself are renewing your strength like the eagle. Brother Wesson's poetry is all right. If he should reduce his theology to poetry, that might be all right. Another good thing is the work Brother Price is doing for Home Missions. He is making things move; and it is time they were moving. He is the right man in the right place. Selah.

A third commendation: He doesn't know I am writing this, but Brother Wheeler of Clinton is expecting to sing in meetings this summer. He is a fine man for that sort of work and I assure the brethren that he will do splendid service and be of great help in meetings.

P. I. Lipsey.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Held with Mt. Vernon Church, Yazoo Association. A splendid program had been prepared and the speakers who came were full of the subjects assigned them. We were sorry to see so many who had a part in the program absent.

The spirit of the meeting was Christ like, and there were many things said that stirred our hearts and caused them to throb with a deeper and more earnest love for the Master and his work.

The subject of the introductory sermon was "The Bible," and the words of the preacher showed us how sacred its doctrines are to him and how flat-footed he stands on its truths. It is the one man of his counsel and he is bold to say what God has said. How our hearts burned within us as we walked with a "Living and exalted Christ." We see the blood gush afresh from his nail pierced hands and feet, and his sacred brow wears afresh those cruel thorns. We beheld anew his wounds that were made "for our transgressions" and how "bruised he was for our iniquities."

Listening to another "The unspeakable gift" becomes more precious to us, and with fondest devotion, we cherish the fact that it is ours.

A missionary spirit dominated the life of every speaker; and if those who heard the discussions on "The Layman's Movement" did not go away with greater love for lost souls they were indeed cold and indifferent.

The soul in darkness and sin was vividly put before us, and as we looked upon him we heard the voice of our Lord and Master saying "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son"—take this message to ruined souls.

Sunday School was not neglected but had its part in the discussions. At eleven o'clock Sunday the new house of worship was dedicated, Brother Rowe preaching the sermon. We rejoice with Brother Burney and his flock in their success.

May the Lord earnestly bless those who supported the meeting. The next meeting, in May, will be held with Scotland Church.

Madison Flowers.

Rev. W. L. House has resigned at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and accepts the work at Newbern, Tenn.

Dr. A. C. Dixon is delivering soul-stirring talks at Monday noon meetings in the Great Northern Theatre in Chicago. The meetings last just 45 minutes. One thrilling gospel song by a chorus of young men and a quartette. Great good is accomplished.

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The Christian Soldier.

By W. B. Sansing.

Because of the presence of good and evil there is a continual warfare in the world of mankind. It is unavoidable. The forces of good and evil, both in the community and in the individual, are arrayed against each other, battling for the supremacy. Satan began the warfare in heaven, but after his defeat there, this world of ours was made the field of action, and for thousands of years the struggle has gone on unabated, each army having its seasons of temporary successes and defeats. But as to the final results, of course there can be no question.

In the life of the individual Christian there is a continual warfare. None ever gets, in this life, to where he can give righteously without a struggle—without effort. Evil is ever present in our lives, and none of us can afford to lay aside our armour. Like Gideon's faithful three hundred, we must keep our eye on the enemy's lines, and our weapons in hand.

The Christian is to be aggressive as well as defensive. We are to not only defend our positions, and the Master's cause, but we must attack the enemy in his stronghold. The successful soldier, and the one whom God delights to honor, is an aggressor in the cause of righteousness. Jesus' last command was to "go," and in obedience to that command we are driving the saloon from our midst, and are sending the gospel into the heathen lands.

But for a Christian to be dependable and strong in his aggressiveness, he must first look well to the defensive side of his life. If his armour is deficient, not only his own welfare is hazarded, but the cause of Christ is thereby weakened.

As the base of supplies is essential to the welfare of an army, so does the strength of the army depend upon the stalwart character of the individual soldiers. Therefore every Christian should put on the whole armour of God—he needs to be iron-clad. If any part of his life is exposed to the enemy's fire, his dependability is partially impaired. Satan is constantly on the look-out for points of least resistance. No Christian is stronger than his weakest point. David, the great man that he was, when he looked upon Bathsheba, gave way to his passion, and he fell into grievous sin. And thus through the indulgence in their appetites and desires many Christians very greatly weaken their influences for good. Some preachers will suffer their usefulness to be impaired rather than give up their tobacco; and some otherwise good Christians will expose themselves to the "wiles of the Devil" in order to occasionally satisfy their thirst for strong drink.

But why be so careful about our equipments for defense? Not because we have to fight against "flesh and blood." In the matter of his daily living, man can successfully combat with man. But in our religious lives we have to fight "against the principalities, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly realms." In other words, we have to fight against a real Devil, "the prince of the power of the air." All this talk about a sugar-coated devil is not only ridiculous, but fatally misleading. Just as certain as sin is real, the Devil is real; and sin is just as real as gravitation.

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Tis my "first word" word from the newly furnished pastor's study. The church, together with the Ladies' Aid Society, did the handsome thing of thoroughly

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Therefore the Christian soldier needs an armour; for he is not sufficient of himself to stand against the enemy of all human souls—the Devil. The real conflict is in the spiritual realm, and consequently we need God's help.

In the first place, it is necessary that we be girt about with truth. All our religious acts and beliefs should be based on the truth, and God's Word is the truth. Religion is sacred, and no one likes to acknowledge that he has been mistaken in his views or practices. It is in a sense humiliating for a person, if after having accepted sprinkling for baptism, to discover his mistake and apply for baptism (immersion). First get the truth in the matter, and then there will be no necessity for shifting positions. All this great ado about "non-essentials" and "something else will do just as well" is the Devil's work.

Since the day of Eve Satan has been leading people off into religious error, that he might thwart the purposes of God. In the next place, we should have on the "breastplate of righteousness." We should be upright, sincere, in our daily lives. We need to be well rounded Christians. One weak point in our characters, our lives, may be the means of our overthrow. The Devil, in order to defeat us, is on the watch for our weak points, and not our strong ones. David prayed God to deliver him from "secret faults" and "presumptuous sins;" for he knew how that these sins which he had not before given any thought had caused him to fall shamefully hard. Sins are lurking in our hearts, and unless we take Jesus Christ fully into our lives we are liable to fall at any time, as did Peter and many others since.

"The shield of faith" is an essential part of the Christian's armour. He must believe he has a mission, that God has given it him, and that it can be accomplished. The Christian must accept God's word without doubts and questionings. Because they had not taken the shield of faith the Israelites lost the promised land, and had to wander forty years in the wilderness. So many Christians, yea, many pastors, go down in defeat because of the lack of faith. Our doubts and fears have no other origin than in Satan. Whenever you hear a Christian say, concerning anything that is good, "It can't be done," he is listening to the Devil instead of God. Jonah did this when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh; Luther might have said it when he began his great work of reformation; and nothing but Carey's faith started the great wave of modern missions.

And lastly, to keep us in right relation to God, to keep us in touch with the source of all power, we need to pray "at every fitting season in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication." It is through prayer that we may know the truth, attain unto righteousness, and become strong in faith. We should not only pray for ourselves, but for "all the saints," and especially for the preachers, that they may have utterance and power.

May God help us all "to be strong in the Lord." Forest, Miss.

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equipping this study, making it by far the best in this city, and one of the best in the State. We have a noble self-sacrificing people here—willing to work for the Master.

I have recently organized a Bible Training Class with about 20 members. This meeting is held every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in pastor's study. We are training a class for soul-winning along Bible lines—teaching them how to Scripturally lead a soul to a knowledge of the Saviour. Quite an interest is being taken in this new line of work.

Last Sunday (1st), we had with us Ex-Governor A. H. Longino at 11 o'clock, through the kindness of Brother S. R. Whitten, President of the Layman's Missionary Movement. Brother Longino gave us an able address on "Bible Giving," which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large congregation. By the time this article goes to print, we will have taken our offering for Home and Foreign Missions. Our financial burdens are heavier than usual, but we will do our best.

The church has granted me a leave of absence to preach for Brother Tull at Greenwood, Miss.

We thoroughly enjoyed having Dr. Bailey with us on the occasion of the ordination of Deacon Brickle. That was a great sermon; so was the verdict of all who heard it and it was a big crowd.

Most fraternally,
W. Alex Jordan.

Starkville.

We have just closed a good meeting with our church. Brother W. A. Borum of Greenville, did the preaching. It was a rare privilege to us to have him with us. He is one of the clearest and most forceful preachers we have in the State. While we did not have the large ingathering we had hoped to have, yet we had an uplift which will help us to do greater things ourselves. His sermons on the Work of the Holy Spirit were unusually good. We will welcome him back into our midst any time.

M. K. Thornton.
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For Health's Sake.

In many homes where there is a grandmother, a small child is allowed to sleep with them, but this is certainly mistaken kindness to the child, as very many cases are cited in standard medical works, where healthy children have steadily wasted away, and shortly died from no other cause than sleeping with aged persons. It is a wise provision to have each member of the family sleep alone. Should one party be an invalid, the other will soon be noticeably affected by the poisonous emanations of a diseased organism, but above all else protect the children, and never allow them to sleep with an old person, as it is said that the emanations of the body, concentrating under the same bed cover are terribly destructive to the health of the young. Allowing wall paper to remain more than two years in rooms that are inconstant use, is a dangerous economy whether it looks soiled or not. If the pantry or kitchen closets are infested with ants or roaches, use scalding hot borax water in every crevice over the shelves before covering them with paper. "Prevention is better than cure." A

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strong solution of borax and boiling water should be poured down the waste pipes every few days, and the same solution should be used to cleanse and disinfect the kitchen sink, for while so many other disinfectants are unsafe, such as copperas and carbolic acid, the borax is harmless and yet very effective. Sanitation should be made a point of study by those who desire to guard against illness, and the removal of all rubbish from the premises is conducive to the health of the residents and adds to the beauty and attractiveness of the home, and no amount of disinfectants in the home will take the place of thorough cleanliness and plenty of fresh, pure air and sunshine.

M. H.

Signs of Promise.

There has been a waving of palms at Brooksville over the Foreign Mission collection which went beyond the one hundred mark, giving cause for joy in the hearts of that community of earnest minded Baptists.

At Pickayune, way down close to the State line where young Allen and his devoted wife have been in the van of development of a most remarkable character culminating in new church house and new pastor's home, and full time service, and yet ever reaching out for better things, even though like other saw mill towns they have had a hard struggle, the hand and heart like Peter were ready with such as they had to help the cause of missions.

Senatobia near the State line in the opposite direction answers to roll call with an advance contribution for Foreign Missions reaching \$75.34.

On nearly the same parallel are Baldwyn and Holly Springs eastward with \$50 each.

Union, in Clarke county, is led by the indefatigable Holecomb, and is the home of the Brunsons and Harpers and Walkers and many others whose names are in the book of life, and who delight themselves in the things of the Kingdom. Here is the best church house that I have seen in the State belonging to a country church, and for that matter it is the superior of some of our city and town church houses. The thought came to me again and again why should not our country churches have good houses in which they would take pride. There are 15 members that put down their subscriptions for 10 each to missions, and here is an earnest of it in more than one-half of it in cash.

Well, here is the familiar writing of the Columbus treasurer who sends \$136.65 for Foreign Missions and in these figures are evidences of the Armstrong Society another name for W. M. U. We shall expectings in the superlative degree when that great house is opened to the worship of God.

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One of the most beautiful church houses in the South is at Texarkana, and it is to be duplicated at Greenwood where they are pressing for the best in everything, but do not propose to forget in the good things that they enjoy, to leave out missions, and so this check for Foreign Missions calls for \$407.22.

An old pastor who introduced me to them, said to me a few days ago, "have you heard from Hebron yet?" and I had to say "No," but a few days later, and here is the registered letter with a soft roll bulging and a letter to put it all to Foreign Missions and so this cause is better off \$80.35.

Flora is keeping up with the procession of mission givers to the tune of \$100.50 for Foreign Missions.

Ashland at Cascilla, sweeps the gamut at \$51 with the conviction that all three missions deserve the same support.

Yokanookany and Long Creek in the same pastorate together make \$62.40.

Bunker Hill far down in Pearl Leaf Association, sends \$42 for the two missions, as also the gift of Cato of \$44.

They have no pastor yet at Oxford, but the women do not lose interest in missions as witness the gift of \$60 for Home Missions. But these notes must close with a general statement that will cheer the heart of our people:

We are still running about \$3,000 ahead on these two funds in actual cash receipts at my office. What will the remaining two weeks hold in store! Let us pray and work together as we have never done, and at the end when victory is ours we shall be happy in the consciousness that when the fight was on, we did not shirk our duty.

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Two months ago I said if we would keep the pace then set up, until the end of the year, which closes at midnight on Thursday, the last day of this month, we would raise the whole \$30,000 asked for by the Southern Baptist Convention, to carry on its Home Mission work this year. Before me lies a letter from Atlanta stating that up to the 10th of this month, three days ago, we lacked only \$491.93 of having "doubled" the amount given up to the same date last year.

Between the 10th and 30th of April last year, we sent the Home Mission Board \$9,325.72. So, if we keep the pace, and will pick up just a little bit, as we go, we are going to make the landing gloriously.

From the best figures I can get hold of, I estimate that, there are at least 9,000 churches yet to be heard from. Many of these expected to take their collection yesterday. The weather was so pretty yesterday for church going, I am sure the receipts will be large from the work done during the day in behalf of Home Missions. Mississippi has done so well, so far this year, that I am anxious to see us do all that we are asked to do. There is only one state in the Union that has had a greater ratio of increase than we have had up to the present time. But Texas is yet to be heard from.

Out there, they do most of their work in two weeks. And the records show that, we do most of ours, in Mississippi, in three weeks. So, we have plenty of time, in the two Sundays remaining, to win a great Home Mission victory.

Again, and again; over and over again let it be said, that the pastors, God ordained leaders of the forces militant, have it in their power to carry us through grandly and victoriously, or deliver us into the hands of the enemy cowardly and shamefully, just as they elect. Napoleon said a great thing, grotesquely but graphically, when he said: "I had rather have an army of asses lead by a lion than an army of lions lead by an ass," which, being interpreted means, that the great master military genius of all the ages, put the emphasis upon the right place when he put it upon leadership; which being further interpreted means, that a wise, tactful, courageous Baptist preacher, a lion leading a company of lions, can take his church anywhere he himself is willing to lead. The master spirit at the first battle of Manassas, was the man who stood "like a stone wall," in the midst of an army on a stampede, until they caught his spirit, and was in turn hurled upon the enemy, in solid phalanx, and bore him down under the avalanche of shot and shell, snatching victory from the very jaws of defeat.

Even so it has been with many a church. The devil of anti-missions lead a stampede; but a brave God-fearing pastor, in the midst of his people, with God for his helper, is equal to any foe. He can lead them wheresoever he will. Brethren, don't be satisfied with your collection until you have seen every one in person yourself. Ask the well-to-do for big amounts; and the poor for such as they may have—slight no one. When you have done all and can't do any more—then pass around the hat, giving every man, woman and child a chance. And do it seriously, solemnly, yet joyfully. Levity is as much out of place in a great mission collection, as it is at a funeral. And cowardice is as much out of place in a church, as it is on a battlefield. The Russian commander at Port Arthur is now under a life sentence in prison because after resisting six months the irresistible forces of the Japs, he did not resist them further. If the Port had held out a little longer, Mukden would have been that much stronger.

I had quite a little discussion the other day, with a brilliant young pastor, who is trying to raise \$600 for Foreign Missions. After showing him that such a policy was neither "safe nor sane," he said, of course, if the existence of the Home Mission Board was imperiled by such a course, he would not do it; but that for this year he did not think it would hurt. But it does hurt; and the life of any mission board is imperiled in proportion to the number of

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churches that do that way. Our minutes show that for years and years, some of our churches have not given one cent to Home Missions. In such a case, it would not be wrong surely to ask for a division of the gifts, even if you did not ask for all of it to go to Home Missions, to make up for the years in which it all went the other way. But let every man do as he feels led of God—yes, led of God.

After the fall of the Alamo, such a pall of gloom settled down over all the horizon of Texas freedom, that the brave, grand old leader, Sam Houston, could muster only 700 men, who had heart enough to try the Mexicans again. There were plenty of men in Texas to have given him an army of 4,000, he said; but 3,300 of them did not see how they could do it. The grand old man was grieved because all the 4,000 did not come. But he had no time to wait. Texas liberty was in the balance which, in a day, might tilt the wrong way forever. So at the head of his 700 braves, instead of 4,000, as it could easily have been, he went to San Jacinto to conquer. All day long his little band contended with Santa Anna's hoards for the liberty of Texas—and they won! But how much easier it would have been, how much better it would have looked, if all Texas had been in the fight for her freedom. The Home Mission forces are going to conquer in this fight. All "Dixie" must be won to God. The Foreign Mission Board must have a million dollars, next and strong. The Home Board is the most gigantic missionary enterprise of all the ages. A wise interest in Foreign Missions compels a boundless zeal for Home Missions. The stronger our force at Home, the stronger it will be abroad. Hannibal was never whipped as long as he could hear from home. General Lee never surrendered as long as he could get men and supplies. When these ended, the stars and bars were rolled up and put away forever.

If we could rally all our strength just for once, in the interest of Home Missions, we would immediately, take up the advance year, for work in the regions beyond. To get this, the base of supplies must be great in Foreign Missions, not only as the Foreign Mission Board wrote us to do, but as God wants us to do. Men of Israel, now is the time to help. How bright the skies that bend over us, how mighty the forces with us. We are going on to victory! God hath said it. To make that victory quick and glorious every Baptist in the State is needed, and needed now. Come, brother, sister, and go with us; we will do each other good. Our Baptist Zion is marching to victory for God is leading. Just fall in anywhere, for the fight is beautiful all down the line.

W. P. Price,
Vice President, Home Mission Board.

To the churches in Mississippi Association:

Brethren—You will remember that the committee on Pastoral Support at the last meeting of the association recommended that the churches pay their pastors quarterly, and that the report was adopted by the Association. Now the first quarter has passed, have all the churches paid their first quarter's quota of their pastor's salary?

Now the deacons look after this matter and get this recommendation carried out! We will all be so proud if, at our next meeting the church letters will all report that this has been done. This is

a good move and we ought to do our best to carry it through. We ought to make progress in our work and methods. This is a strenuous age. Everything is progressing and it is just as necessary to make progress in our church work and methods as in other branches of employment. It is a fact that all will realize, if they will try it, that it is easier to pay our pastors support quarterly than in a lump sum at the end of the year. All who have done this so declare.

If it is determined to put it off until fall when we sell cotton, we will find that other and urgent claims will be coming and we will be hard pressed to meet them, and are very apt to think the Lord is more indulgent than other creditors, and at the end of the year our pastor's salary is not paid, he said; but 3,300 of them did not see how they could do it. The grand old man was grieved because all the 4,000 did not come. But he had no time to wait. Texas liberty was in the balance which, in a day, might tilt the wrong way forever. So at the head of his 700 braves, instead of 4,000, as it could easily have been, he went to San Jacinto to conquer. All day long his little band contended with Santa Anna's hoards for the liberty of Texas—and they won! But how much easier it would have been, how much better it would have looked, if all Texas had been in the fight for her freedom. The Home Mission forces are going to conquer in this fight. All "Dixie" must be won to God. The Foreign Mission Board must have a million dollars, next and strong. The Home Board is the most gigantic missionary enterprise of all the ages. A wise interest in Foreign Missions compels a boundless zeal for Home Missions. The stronger our force at Home, the stronger it will be abroad. Hannibal was never whipped as long as he could hear from home. General Lee never surrendered as long as he could get men and supplies. When these ended, the stars and bars were rolled up and put away forever.

Now can't we set a good example by having every church in our bounds report every year that their pastors' have been paid up quarterly?

Perhaps our town churches or some of them, pay monthly, if so, so much the better.

And won't the clerks of the churches report how and how much is paid to their pastors.

Brethren, let's make a forward movement in this matter. The fact that churches are slow in paying their obligations and even sometimes fail to pay in full their obligations, is a stigma on the name of Christians and should be removed. Let us all work and pray for this onward movement.

Prayer-Meeting.

This is the pastor's supreme problem in the solution of which lies the salvation of the church to which he ministers. No one realizes this more than the pastor, and hence his extra exertion to this end. No greater disappointment could possibly come to the true pastor than failure here. If the prayer-meeting fails, he grows despondent, and begins to think of handing in his resignation. By examination we find many causes for the apparent failure of the prayer-meeting.

1. It comes in the midweek right when men are busiest. There is likelihood of forgetting it in the rush of worldly pursuits. Men are tired after a hard day's work, and the flesh is weak. There is a disinclination to the strenuousness essential to making those necessary preparations to go at the appointed hour. Men are frequently kept at their places of business

until it is too late to go. Lodges frequently interfere on this night. The slightest indisposition is set forth as an excuse.

2. Spiritualty is at a low ebb in most of the churches. No better test can be made of this than by the interest taken in prayer-meeting. It has but few charms for the worldly-minded church member. If he goes at all it is under protest—his heart is not in it. He had rather be elsewhere—anywhere. He doesn't pray at home. He doesn't know how at church. He is out of his element and is most miserable. He looks upon it as a useless waste of time which he could better use in sleep or some kind of pleasure. He will make no sacrifice to go, and when he gets home it will be a task to get him back again. The service is dry and destitute of any interest to him whatever. He sleeps the time away and is glad when the benediction is pronounced.

3. The manner of conducting the meeting keeps many away.

Most pastors are busy men. Sometimes they fail to find time to devote to preparation for the service. This will always prove disastrous. Thorough preparation ought to be made. Haphazard won't do. If the people don't get something when they come they will be slow to return. The pastor ought always to conduct the meeting. If he is competent, no one can fill his place. There ought to be system and uniformity. If a plan is good, it ought to be strictly adhered to. That old idea of making two meetings alike ought to be abandoned. The pastor ought to have some distinct end in view and work steadily toward it. Too much "scattering" will kill any prayer-meeting. Let us have definiteness and deliberation. Let us not mistake sentiment and emotion for spirituality. Let the meeting be scriptural quiet, and deep and it will abide. I have tried every plan I could think of and read about, but the best plan is to make the prayer-meeting essentially a teaching service.

If prayer is communion with God, there must be an interchange of thoughts with God. We can then readily see that the most important part of the prayer is God talking to us, while we reverently listen. Prayer is too often gabbling to God. We must first listen to Him if we would talk back intelligently. No one can pray effectively who does not know something of God's will. The only way to learn God's will is by careful and prayerful study of His word. Let us take some one book in the Bible and drill it into the hearts and minds of a people who gladly hear it, and respond to its teaching. Let us stay in that one book till we learn its precious truths, and they have become real unto us. We will then practice the truth and soon you will see developing well-rounded Christian characters who will have abundant fruitage to the glory of God and the salvation of men.

W. Alex. Jordan.
Yazoo City, Miss., April 4, 1908.

Dr. R. J. Willingham and wife reached Richmond last Thursday after their tour of 30,000 miles. They had no sickness and no accidents.

Evangelist Sid Williams will begin a meeting with the church at Clarksdale, Rev. E. D. Solomon, pastor—the 3rd Sunday in this month.

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Serious Thoughts.

By J. R. Nutt.

Heaven is a social place. The question is often asked, "Will we know each other in heaven?" I think we will. I think the Bible teaches heavenly recognition. David certainly believed that he would recognize his child in heaven. In his grief he said, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." He believed in his heart of hearts that he would see and know his child again. There is nothing that gives us more consolation than the thought that we shall recognize our loved ones in heaven. Home is never so sad as in the hour of death. When we stand by the bedside and see one that we love better than life itself breathe the last breath, how sweet to know that we shall see that loved one again. A physician told me this story. A father was dying. He told the wife that if she wanted the children to hear his last words, to bring them to the room at once. The three little girls came and stood at the bedside of their dying father. He told them good bye and kissed them one by one. He turned to his aged father and told him how he hoped to live and care for him in his old age and how much he loved him, and what a good father he had been. Then he turned to his wife and kissed her good bye, and tried to tell her how to care for the children and how much he hated to leave them, and then said, "Good bye, it is all right, Jesus is here and I am ready." The last words that fell from his lips were, "I will see you in heaven. Who can witness a scene like the one mentioned above and then stand up and preach against the doctrine of heavenly recognition?

Heaven is a home. Jesus said, "In my

Father's house are many mansions." A mansion is a dwelling place. How strange heaven will be if we all dwell together and yet be perfect strangers! Such a thing is next to impossible. Imagine if you can, God's family dwelling together and yet total strangers to each other. For such a condition as this to exist, you would have to destroy the characteristics of the human soul. "Imagination, reason, conscience, taste and love, are parts of the immortal soul, and in order to prevent recognition, you would have to blot them out forever. When you have done this, there is no soul left to recognize." Think of the redeemed souls in heaven with no imagination, no reason, no conscience, no taste and love. Heaven would not be heaven but an asylum, yea, worse than an asylum if such a condition as this were true. Heaven is a home and we will all know each other.

Heaven is a place of love. Dr. A. C. Dixon, in recent issue of the Western Recorder quotes from a sermon by Dr. Gregg the following pungent statement: "Human love was made for eternity. Contrast human love with animal love, and you will see this. The animal mother loves her offspring until it is able to take care of itself, and then that natural affection ceases. Not so with the human mother. She may be bent with the weight of four-score years and ten, and her living son more than three-score years, but yet that first natural love, instead of ceasing, is seemingly growing stronger, and is just as heartily reciprocated. Why is this? Because these loves are as immortal as the soul." There is nothing so like the love of Jesus as a mother's love. Will the mother's love for her child cease in heaven? When we live under the gleaming blue of God's cloudless sky, will we forget all the good things we enjoyed here?

News in the Circle.

Martin Ball.

Evangelist Sid Williams is aiding Pastor Ball in a meeting at Winona. At the close of the first week there had been 25 additions.

Field Secretary Harvey Beauchamp of the Sunday School, moves his headquarters from Little Rock, Ark., to Texas, and becomes Secretary for the Southwest.

Rev. John E. Barnard has resigned at Cartersville, Ga. His future plans are not known. But he will not be out of the work long. He is a strong man and his services are in demand.

Rev. M. B. Adams, Frankfort, Ky., accepts the unanimous call given him by the First Church, Jackson, Tenn. The church pays a salary of \$2,000 and furnishes a home.

Rev. J. B. Clark leaves Trenton, Mo., and enters the work at Mt. Ayre, Ia. He is on the field and the first Sunday was a great day. Six received for baptism.

Pastor S. E. Tull sends out from his field the initial number of an interesting church paper—named the Church Visitor.

The Metropolitan Tabernacle—London—was forced to accept the resignation of Rev. Thomas Spurgeon and called to the pastorate Dr. Archibald G. Brown who has been assistant pastor for some time.

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Attention, Sisters!

The books of the W. M. U. at Baltimore will close April 20th, and nothing that reaches us after April 18th can be credited in this year's report, we therefore beg that your report be in the hands of the Secretary of Central Committee by that time, that all money given by our women may be credited.

Central Committee.

A Theory on Marriage.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I beg to submit to our readers a suggestion on the marriage question, which I believe will receive the endorsement of the ministry and the people.

If the ministers of every protestant denomination throughout the United States will agree to adopt a rule that after a certain date, no marriage unless performed by an ordained minister of the gospel, will be considered as a valid marriage; and any people who are married by a justice of the peace

would be a very noticeable de-

crease in the number of divorcees annually and an increase in the ranks of Christianity.

Now what is to prevent it from being universally adopted? Have not the ministers in the past few years been giving this divorcee evil their attention and have not the ministers of several denominations agreed not to perform a marriage ceremony, if one of the contracting parties being in danger of death, and if civil marriages are performed in the presence of two or more reputable witnesses, they shall be valid.

If marriage is a divine ordinance, instituted by God (and every Christian denomination agrees that it is), then why should it be performed by other than an ordained minister of the gospel? If a civil authority is given power and permission to administer this one divine ordinance, why is he denied the same right to administer other divine ordinances, namely, baptism and communion or Lord's supper, as some denominations call it?

Ministers, is it not your belief, not only from a religious standpoint, but from past personal observation, that a marriage by a civil authority cannot merit God's approval on the same basis as a marriage performed by an ordained minister of the gospel?

We say that with God's aid everything is possible and that God is love, but I ask you, where there is no God in the home, how can it be possible for love to be there? Who is going to guard the purity and happiness of that home if God's spirit is not present to protect it from the snares and pitfalls of domestic discord? Can mortal man do it? Do not statistics prove there is practically no divorce in families that strive to live up to their religious duties? Why? Because they not only begin but continue their duties of married life with God's approval. Can you call to your mind a couple that can say: "We have no religion, we believe in no Supreme Being, although admitting there might be such a person, yet we don't consider he has any jurisdiction over our married life. We get along all right and our home is happy," but I ask you is the purity of happiness of this home equal to what we will find in the home of a Christian God fearing man? What is there to make it so? I believe marriage without God's approval and aid is like a ship on the ocean with all sails set and abandoned by the crew; it goes plunging ahead through the waves, subject to the dangers of the approaching storm, and with no pilot to guide it—what is the result—it lands a wreck on the rocks of the divorce court.

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Those of us who may have been but in ease in Zion during the gloom of winter should now emerge from the hibernation quarters, go forth into the sunshine of opportunity and lay hands to the shaft of duty.

In our great field of Sunday School endeavor we hope to make this a year of "Jubilee." The seed-time is at hand; and at the present we must sow in the morning, noon and evening, that the joy may be ours to reap a rich harvest.

The first quarter of 1908 has passed with the accomplishment of comparatively little through the medium of organized movement. Indeed it is time to begin with a more conscientious spirit to do the work of Him who sent us while it is day.

With the great state of Mississippi as our specific territory, ours is an immense field and there are but few faithful laborers. With this in view, we anxiously solicit the service of those who would join hand with us in the building of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

The State Sunday School Convention will meet in the city of Vicksburg next October; if we can have the co-operation of the workers in every section of the State this will surely be the greatest Sunday School meeting we have ever held in Mississippi. In response to our solicitations, and because of the worthiness of the cause, we hope to hear many voices answer: "Here am I."

Of the seventy-five counties in the State, we have been able thus far to appoint missionaries for only about eighteen (18). The State General Missionary, Rev. T. T. Carson, is accomplishing a great work; indeed he is not resting upon his oars. But his efforts can be productive of the highest results only by the recruiting of a strong force of willing workers.

It will be remembered that we made constant appeals of this nature last year, and we appreciated receipt of a precious few responses. But for a consciousness that my efforts were sincere and that my contentions were born of a Christian impulse, I would have become discouraged. Then we ask in this appeal for a more hearty consideration at least.

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Brother Lott was married to Miss Myrtle L. Robinson, Dec. 25, 1889. To them were born seven children, six of whom are living, one having died at about three years of age.

Brother Lott was a good citizen, a thoughtful neighbor, a kind husband, and a loving father. He was also a Master Mason, and a Workman of the World.

He was buried at Providence church, with masonic honors in the presence of a large concourse of people, the funeral services being conducted by the writer.

To his bereaved wife and children we extend our sympathy, and humbly pray the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit with them.

Their pastor,
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J. M. Frost.

Blue Mountain.

We have just past through a great meeting here. Dr. G. H. Crutcher of Dyersburg, Tenn., preached ten days. His preaching was strong. The people were ready. The Lord blessed us. Do not know how many professed faith, but more than 150—54 have joined for baptism, 46 of these were baptized yesterday. 74 additions in all. Others are ready to join. Several young men pledged themselves to prayerfully consider God's will as to their preaching. I hope they will be called. Thirty or more of our young men and young women are considering Foreign Mission work, and some have already decided to go. The meeting was a blessing to our people, and many backsliders were restored to the joy of salvation.

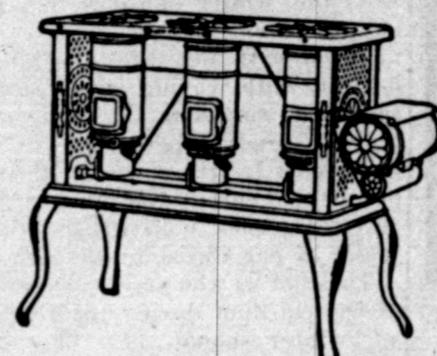
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Lands.

Dr. Willingham's recent jour-
neys in China and Japan, have
served to enlarge his estimation

From Gloster.

I have seen no notice in any of the Baptist papers of Rev. T. W. Reed, D. D., of Monroe City, Mo., having been called by the First Baptist Church of Gloster, Miss., and that he had accepted the call to commence work as pastor the first of April.

This church has been without a pastor since Rev. W. A. McComb left it October 1st, last. I think it due the Baptist people of Mississippi to know something of the pastor who is to come among them from another State. Dr. Reed did not seek the call to our church. The church here learned of Dr. Reed and having heard that he wanted to come South, and the church commenced correspondence with him and invited him to make us a visit and preach for us, which he did, and the church was well pleased with him and then the church called him, which resulted in his coming. We had many letters recommending him in the highest. Among those who recommended him was Rev. H. L. Weeks of Vicksburg, who says that he labored in the same Association with him in Missouri for a number of years.

Rev. H. L. Weeks says of him that he had been pastor in Monroe City for nine years, and was moderator of Bethel Association in Missouri. That he is the foremost pastor in North Missouri. He says of him that he is a man of splendid culture of head and heart. That he is progressive, sound on the doctrines, one of the finest mixers and considerably above the average in the pulpit. That he is splendidly educated. Rev. Weeks also says that the best part about Dr. Reed is his wife. She is a woman of extraordinary power and efficiency for church work. That for a number of years she has been the head of the B. Y. P. U. work in Missouri.

Dr. Reed looks to be about fifty years old. He was born and raised in Kentucky. His church in Missouri co-operates with the Southern Baptist Convention. We think he will rank among the ablest preachers in Mississippi. He is tall and looks to be in good physical condition. We look for him this week and he is to preach his first sermon as pastor next Sunday.

Our church first called after Dr. McComb left, Rev. M. K. Thornton of Starkville, and he accepted, but it developed that we thought best to release him, which our church did with great reluctance, and which grieved the church.

R. S. McLean.

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An Answer to Prayer.

It was a merry troupe of girls who had assembled at the New Zion Church. This was mission evening, and important matters were to be attended to. A stirring appeal had come from Dr. D. B. Gray asking for help for Home Missions, and besides some church repairs were badly needed.

"Dear me!" said Amy Upton, "there are so many demands made on my poor little bank, that—like all the rest—it will soon have to 'close up'."

This brought forth a peal of laughter from the others, and they said theirs too, were in a tottering condition.

"I wonder why our President is so late," said Effie Carlton, "she is usually on time. Here she is now, however," and a sweet little woman came forward and gave each one a kindly greeting.

"Girls," she said in a sad tone, "I am just from Mrs. Taylor's and Lennie is growing worse. The doctor says she must go immediately to the sanitorium, or there will be no hope of her recovery. Her mother is in great distress for she is not able to send her, and you all know that Lennie is not prepared to die."

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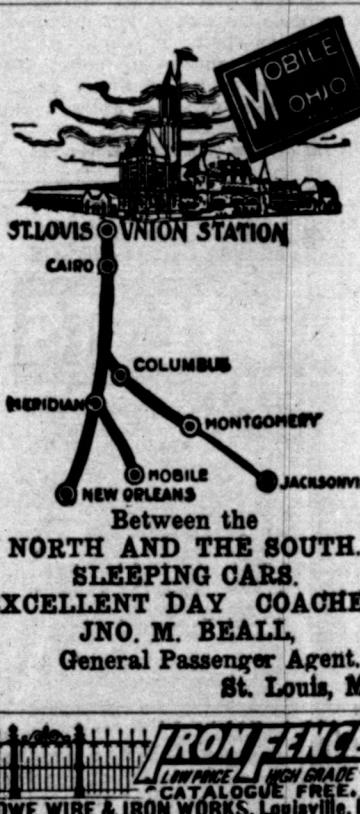
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Can a Church Dissolve?

A custom has obtained in our denomination, claimed, it appears as "Baptist Usages," of sometimes dissolving churches. By what process can such a thing be done?

Even the consent of all the members has not the power by vote to give Letter of Dismission to all. Who is to sign them and how are they to be written? If in the usual form, either the church still exists on the letters, state an untruth. Further, many of such letters are never deposited in another church; where then do such members belong? Baptist statistics leave them out, and they are generally lost to the denomination.

There is a better way, namely, consolidation with a neighboring body; thus gaining strength and securing watchcare and so be in a position by co-operation, to do active service in the cause. A church can disappear by the death of all its members, or it may change its local habitation; but cannot, strictly, be dissolved as long as any of its letters are in trunks or hid away in dark places.

And this opens the way for the discussion of the Church Letters question. Are we not in error in the granting of letters? Is it right to give the letter to the individual? Why not wait until parties settle near a church with which they propose to unite, and have the pastor or the clerk there-of make application for the letters? By this means we can keep clear statistics, and stop the idea that a letter unused, takes a member out of the church.

Further, the plan of dropping names is incorrect. The church clerk should keep in correspondence with absentees until they are joined to another church, or dead. It is service that devolves upon a faithful clerk—Church membership means something—it ought to mean conversion and work, not hearers only. Joining the church and attending preaching from time to time, is not enough.

L. A. Duncan.

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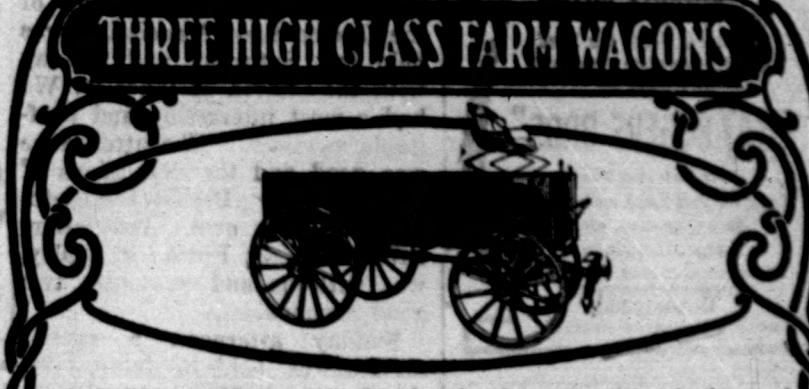
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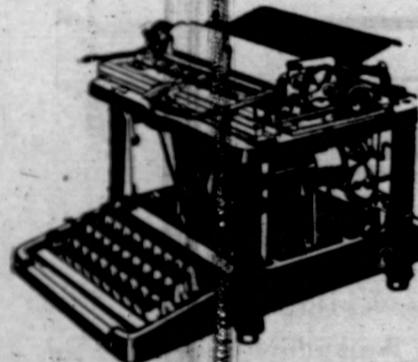


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Dear Record:

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Tishomingo Association was held last Saturday and Sunday with the Church at Wheeler. We had a most interesting and profitable meeting. The attendance was good and the discussions of a high order. Besides the brethren of our own Association, Brother W. J. Epting of Ripley, was with us and preached two good sermons.

Sunday afternoon a special service was held in interest of the Layman's Movement. Brethren H. E. Ray of Corinth, and J. S. Berry of Baldwyn, presented the cause well, and at the conclusion, an offering was taken for Home and Foreign Missions.

The executive Committee of the Association held a meeting and plans were made for a widespread evangelistic campaign this summer in destitute parts of our Association. Brethren Berry and Wales have charge of this work and we shall attempt great things for the Lord in the coming months. To a new-comer, the destitution seems enormous. Our associational forces are to be augmented in a few days by the coming of Brother D. A. Ellis, as pastor of the First Church at Corinth. He will be a valuable addition and a hearty welcome awaits him.

The church at Booneville of which the writer has been pastor three months, is moving along very nicely. We expect the pastor's home soon to be completed, the church building has also had some needed repairs.

E. T. Mobberly.

Dr. Lawrence's Anniversary.

Rev. J. Benjamin Lawrence, pastor Coliseum Place Church, will preach Sunday morning on "The Superlative Duty." In the sermon he will deal with the philosophy of religion, showing how that Christianity in its broad significance enters the field both of science and of ethics and points out to the race the supreme duty.

This service marks the beginning of the new pastoral year. One year ago Rev. Mr. Lawrence took charge of the church. At that time the church had been for eighteen months without a pastor and was in somewhat of a disorganized condition. During the time of his pastorate there has been a marked growth. Some sixty or seventy have been added to the membership many of these by profession of faith. The congregations have steadily grown, until today he has one among the largest congregations of the city to preach to. Improvements to the extent of several hundred dollars have been done. A mission has been organized, and general activity betokens as much greater work for the ensuing year.—Picayune.

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STATEMENT

HOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Conditions December 31st, 1907, as Shown by Statement Filed.

Capital Stock, paid in cash.....	\$ 125,000.00
Amount Ledger Assets Dec. 31, previous year; Total.....	18,772,862.35
Income (Life)—From Policyholders, \$3,352,578.65; Miscellaneous, \$1,001,512.27; Total	4,354,090.92
Disbursements (Life)—To Policyholders, \$2,109,557.85; Miscellaneous, \$783,810.72; Total	2,893,368.57
Life Business in Force—Number of policies, 47,091; Amount	86,193,297.00
Life written during year—Number of policies, 3,667; Amount	8,183,325.00
ASSETS.	
Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	1,643,609.81
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	5,981,250.00
Loans to Policyholders on this Company's Policies assigned as collateral	1,826,263.00
Premium Notes on Policies in force.....	596,221.27
Value of Stocks and Bonds (U. S. State, etc.)	9,756,574.72
Cash in Home Office and Deposited in Banks and Trust Companies	394,083.19
Interest and Rents due and accrued,.....	144,588.74
Premiums unpaid	291,789.37
All other Assets, detailed in statement	35,582.71
Total	\$20,669,962.81
Less Assets, not admitted	665,109.18
Total Admitted Assets	\$20,004,853.63

LIABILITIES.

Net Reserve, as computed	\$ 18,857,776.00
Net Policy Claims	125,283.08
Premiums paid in advance	32,471.00
Other Amounts due Policyholders	2,883.94
Unearned interest and rents paid in advance	71,083.02
Commissions due to Agents, etc.	935.54
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	23,333.62
Present value of Amounts not yet due on Supplementary Contracts, etc.	121,652.00
Total Liabilities as to Policyholders	\$19,235,418.20
Capital Stock	\$125,000.00
Unassigned Funds (surplus)	644,435.43 \$ 769,435.43
Total Liabilities	\$20,004,853.63

BUSINESS IN MISSISSIPPI IN 1907.

Policies (Life) in force December 31st of previous year, Number 264; Amount	\$ 409,225.00
Policies (Life) written and revised in 1907; Number 135; Amount	200,839.23
Policies in force (Life), Number 273; Amount	430,925.00
Losses and Claims (Life, incurred, \$11,139.23; Paid	11,139.23
Total Amount premiums collected and secured (Life)	15,013.41
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Jackson, March 1, 1908.

I, T. M. Henry, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Home Insurance Company, of New York, filed with this Department, showing the condition of said Company on the 31st day of December, 1907.

T. M. HENRY, Insurance Commissioner.
By W. J. MILLER, Deputy Insurance Commissioner.